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If the Russians are not to be allowed to attack the cities and ports of Turkey, will the Turks in the same case be prevented from attacking the coasts and ports of Russia? The answer is "Yes."

If the Turks are allowed to carry troops and ammunition into their own ports and their own coasts, will the right be reserved to Russia as regards the ports belonging to her on the Black Sea? Answer, "No."

The Russian Autocrat is in what in America is very generally called "a fix." The Turks have beaten him at the Caucasus—Schamyl is coming down upon him with reinforcements to his brave mountaineers from Turkey—the English and French fleets sweep the Black Sea, and, what we know, have already sunk his fleet. Austria will not help him—Prussia cannot—France will not, since secretly desirous to be placed thus in the con-